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2 DAYS SINCE CHALLENGERS
MOUNTAIN APPEARED.
ARKHAM ASYLUM.

THRAKOOOM

YEEAGGGHHH!

ARRGGGHH!

THE CELL OF VICTOR FRIES,
ALIAS: MR. FREEZE.

MY CELL
IS OPEN.
WHAT'S GOING
ON?

BROKEN
IN. CAN'T
BE PUT BACK
TOGETHER
AGAIN.

VICTOR
FRIES.

YOU WILL BE FREE
AS LONG AS YOU
PROMISE TO PLAY
WITH ME.

TAKE
THIS CARD,
AND I WILL GIVE
YOU THE POWER TO
CREATE WHATEVER
YOU DESIRE.

WHO INVITES MR.
FREEZE? ARE YOU
BATMAN? OR ARE
YOU JOKER?

I AM SOMETHING MORE. FROM DOWN,
DOWN, DOWN AMONG THE GNASHING TEETH.
A PLACE COLDER AND DARKER.

"...THAN YOUR
FRIGID LITTLE
HEART."

It seems like I'm not the only one who looked a little surprised to step into a barren, frigid wasteland populated by frost giants where a major U.S. metropolis used to be.

It's been three days since a mountain appeared in Gotham City and Batman told me about the existence of a Dark Multiverse.

Gotham Resistance Part 2: "A Ring of Ice and Fear"

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Harley Quinn.

Green Arrow.

Two days since he asked me and the Bat-Family to distract the Justice League so he could retrieve a secret weapon...and went radio silent.

One day since I came to Gotham to find it transformed into chaos by Batman's worst villains.

URRR!

FWOOOMP

Not how I would have chosen to spend a long weekend, honestly. Ice and tights do not mix.

Glad I stopped by the Batcave and picked up this thermal armor Bruce had made for me. It's his version of an ugly sweater...he just wants me to stay warm.

HNH!

THIS WAY!
GET THAT
THING MOVING
THIS WAY!

WHAT'S
HE GOIN' ON
ABOUT?

HNH.
THE SUN
PUTS IT AT
5:15.



I GET WHAT YOU'RE DOIN', KID.

RRGK!



IT'S RUSH HOUR IN GOTHAM.

HREE!

"AND THE AUTOMATED EL TRAIN RUNS RAIN OR SNOW."



KATHOOON

YAY! HE ROLLED A NATURAL TWENTY.

I'M GOING TO PRETEND I DON'T GET THAT REFERENCE.

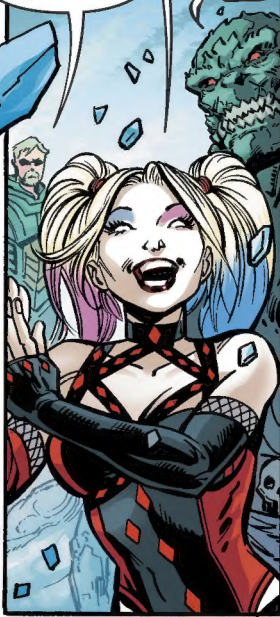
YA CAN TAKE THE KID OUTTA GOTHAM...

"BUT YA CAN'T TAKE THE BATMAN OUT OF THE KID."

WE COULD HAVE FOUND BATMAN BY NOW IF YOU HADN'T LEFT ME BEHIND WITH THIS WOULD-BE NANNY AND THESE PATHETIC EXCUSES FOR SUPER-CRIMINALS...

NIGHTWING?

YOUR HEAD... THE WOUND YOU RECEIVED...



NIGHTWING! THIS IS WHAT YOU MEANT WHEN YOU SAID YOU HAD TO "TAKE CARE OF SOMETHING"?

HOW DARE YOU SEARCH FOR MY FATHER WITHOUT ME!



FROM DEATHWING WITH SIMON HURT'S BLACK BLADE.*

*See NIGHTWING: NIGHTWING MUST DIE!

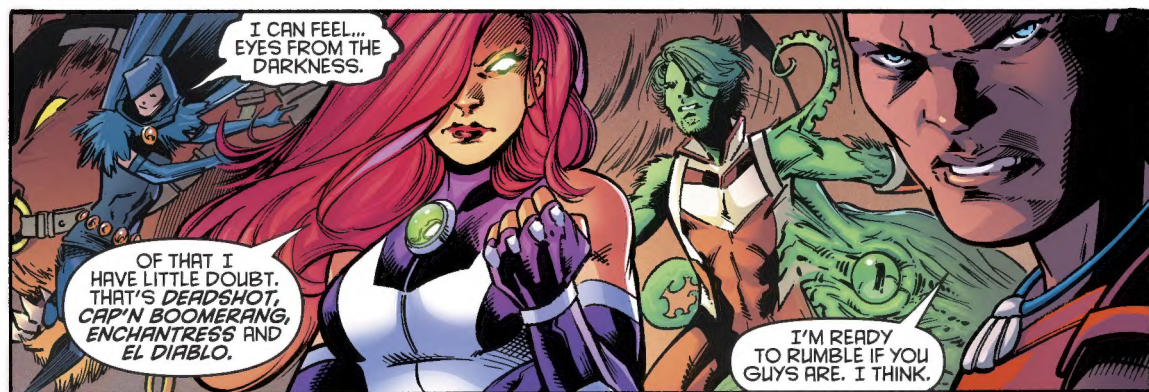






...BUT
AT LEAST WE
DON'T SEND
FRIGGIN' KIDS
TO DO OUR
JOB FOR
US.

NICE WORK,
ENCHANTRESS.
THEY'D RUN FASTER
IF THEIR PANTS
WEREN'T SO FULL
OF CRAP.



I CAN FEEL...
EYES FROM THE
DARKNESS.

OF THAT I
HAVE LITTLE DOUBT.
THAT'S *DEADSHOT*,
CAP'N BOOMERANG,
ENCHANTRESS AND
EL DIABLO.

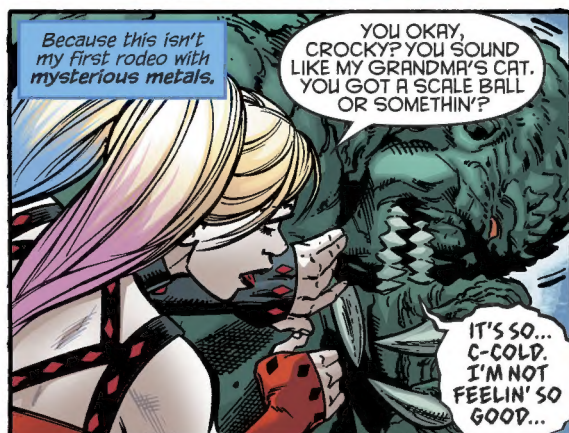
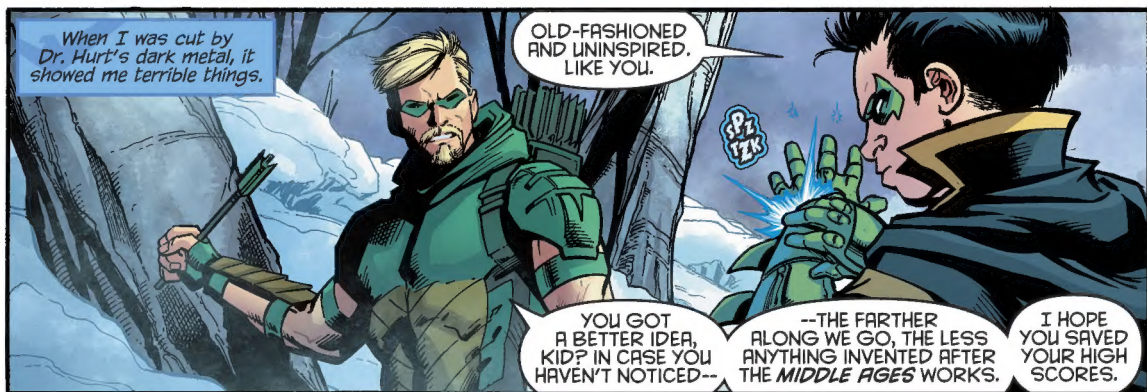
I'M READY
TO RUMBLE IF YOU
GUYS ARE. I THINK.



PUT IT AWAY, YOU LITTLE
MONSTERS. WE'RE NOT HERE
TO FIGHT IT OUT WITH THE
JUSTICE LEAGUE JR.
FAN CLUB.



WE'RE ALL
GOOD GUYS
HERE.



HHH. COLD
BLOOD, MAN.

QUINN.
LOOK.

Years ago, Batman
discovered Electrum
in one of my teeth.
Traces in my blood.

Latent. Waiting.
For a trigger.

Ooh!
COURT OF
OWLS!

The Owls put it there. My
whole life, they'd secretly
prepared me to be a
weapon. A Talon.

After I took down their
network, I thought I
was free of them.*
But what if I'm not?

*See NIGHTWING: BETTER THAN BATMAN--Tay

I THOUGHT
BATMAN HAD
ALL OF THESE
REMOVED FROM
GOTHAM.

HE DID.
THIS IS
NEW.

WHY
WOULD A DEFUNCT
SECRET SOCIETY
SUDDENLY MAKE A
REAPPEARANCE--

--RIGHT WHEN
EVERYTHING
WENT TO
HELL?

YES. HELL,
AS DESCRIBED
BY DANTE, WITH
ITS MULTIPLE
RINGS.

EACH ONE
IS GUARDED
BY A DEVIL.

WE'VE GOT
COMPANY.

BIG, UGLY
COMPANY.

AND AT THE
BOTTOM OF THE
UNIVERSE...



...IS
A LAKE
OF ICE.

I AM
FREEZE.

I WAS
CHOSEN TO
GUARD THIS REALM.
ALL THAT ENTERS
HERE TURNS COLD,
BECOMES
BRITTLE...

...AND
BREAKS.

OUTSIDE RIDDLER'S LABYRINTH.

YOUR BEAST IS WONDERFUL. WHAT'S HIS NAME?

GOLIATH IS NOT MINE, BUT DO ME A FAVOR AND BACK OFF, ELDER GOTH.

THE TEEN TITANS DO NOT ASSOCIATE WITH CRIMINALS AND ASSASSINS.

AND I DON'T USUALLY HANG OUT WITH GRADE-SCHOOLERS...

BUT QUINN AND CROC ARE MISSING...

WHAT'S WRONG, AQUALAD? YOUR FISH-SENSE GOING OFF?

DO YOU HEAR... CHATTERING? THEY'RE SAYING...

... "CROW."

CROW

CROW

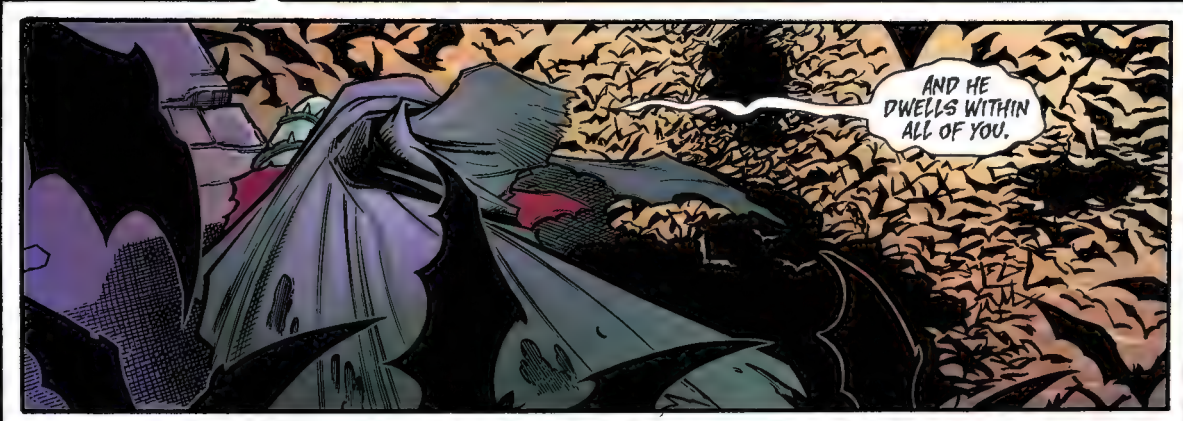
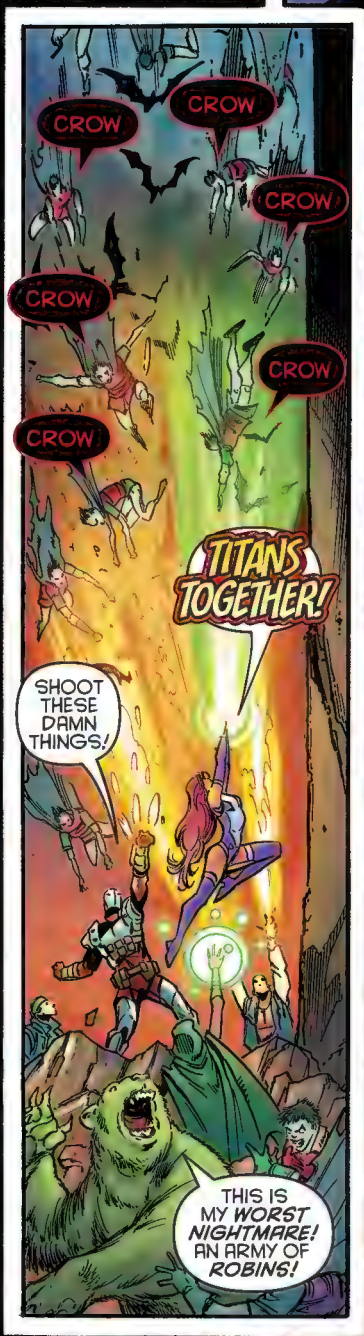
CROW

CROW

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CROW





THE OWL
STATUE!
HIT IT!

The metal showed me
a roiling cauldron of
failed worlds.

YAH HEAR
THIS KID?
HE THINKS HE'S
BOSS NOW.



HMNF.

KLIK

And in each of those worlds,
a version of me who made
the wrong choice.



NIGHTWING
IS CORRECT.
THE OWLS GUARD
THE NEST FROM
THEIR *SHADOW*
PERCH!

WHATEVER
FREEZE WANTS,
THE OWL IS
GUARDING
OVER IT!

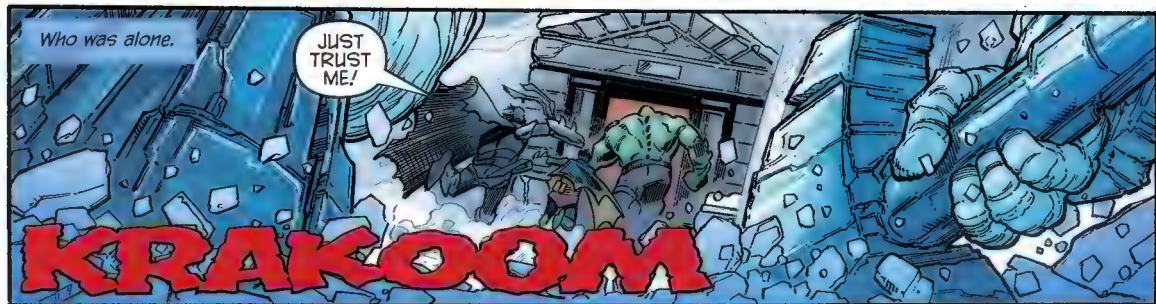
SHUNK

Who was
broken by
loss.



WE'LL BE PUTTING
OUR BACKS AGAINST
A WALL, MAN!

Who went down
the unlit path.



Who was alone.

JUST
TRUST
ME!

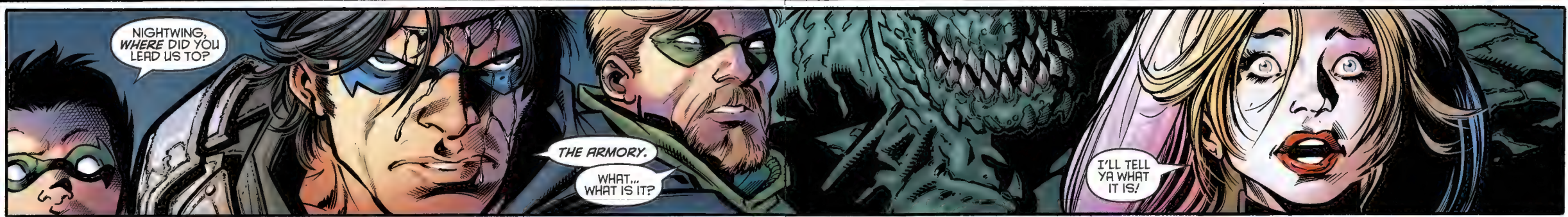
KRAKOOM

SIGH, I'VE MET
MY FAIR SHARE OF
OTHER SUPER-GUYS
LATELY.

IF THERE'S
ONE THING THEY SAY
ABOUT YOU...

...IT'S THAT
YOU'VE EARNED *THAT*,
NIGHTWING.

YOU HEARD
THE KID! COME ON,
CREEPS!



NIGHTWING,
WHERE DID YOU
LEAD US TO?

THE ARMORY.

WHAT...
WHAT IS IT?

I'LL TELL
YA WHAT
IT IS!

IT'S THE
BAT MITZVAH
OF MY MURDER
DREAMS!

When Batman told me that he'd
been prepared to be a doorway for
Barbatos to come to our world,
I told him what I had seen.

He said what he always
says, to let him worry
about what's in the dark.

But what if Dr. Hurt knew
something even he didn't?
What if this was the Owls'
plan all along?

If Bruce is the
doorway... what if
I'm the weapon?



THE ARROW...
JUST LIKE THE ONES
I FOUND WHEN I WAS
LAST IN GOTHAM.*

WHAT IS
THIS PLACE?

IT'S METAL. *THE* METAL. THE KIND
ROBIN AND I ENCOUNTERED, THAT'S
SOMEHOW CONNECTED
TO BARBATOS THE
DEMON. THE OWLS
HAVE BEEN HOLDING
IT. PREPARING.

NOW WE'RE
THE ONLY
ONES LEFT TO
FIGHT.

FIGHT! WHAT FIGHT?! WE WANDER
BLIND AND DUMB, WHEN WE *SHOULD*
BE LOOKING FOR BATMAN!
THE TEEN TITANS QUESTION
WHETHER I CAN BE TRUSTED!
GREEN ARROW BELIEVES I AM
NOTHING MORE THAN A CHILD
PLAYING DRESS UP!

AND YOU,
BELIEVING
YOU KNOW
BEST, LIKE
ALWAYS!

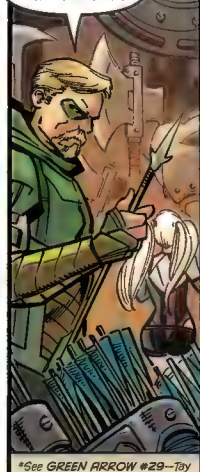
YOU NEVER
DOUBT!
WHAT IS
WRONG
WITH YOU?!

I DON'T ALWAYS KNOW WHAT'S
BEST, BUT I *DO* KNOW THAT
WE'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE.
YOU AND ME, SEARCHING
FOR BATMAN.

Wherever
he is, we'll find him,
like we did before.
Like family.

AW. HEY, I MISS MY AUNTIE
FLOWERS, TOO. NOW THAT
WE'RE ALL DONE EMOTIN'...

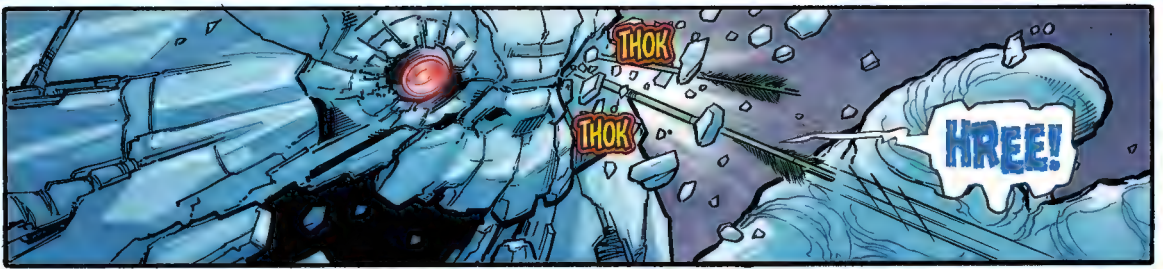
SEEMS LIKE IT'D
BE A REAL SHAME TO
LET ALL THIS STUFF
GO TO WASTE.





OPEN THE
EARTH FOR ME,
MY GIANTS!

I CLAIM
THIS REALM,
AND EVERYTHING
IN IT!



When the mountain rose up
in Gotham, I could feel its
gravitational pull from Blüdhaven.

WE ALL
LOOK HOT!
SO, LET'S WARM
FREEZE UP!



I could taste the
poison pouring
into the sky.



NO!
THE COURT'S
ARMORY
BELONGS
TO ME.



I WILL PICK THE
PIECES OFF OF
YOUR BRITTLE
CORPSES!

ARE YOU READY,
DR. QUINZEL?

So when Bruce vanished
after we fought the
Justice League, I knew
I had to come here.

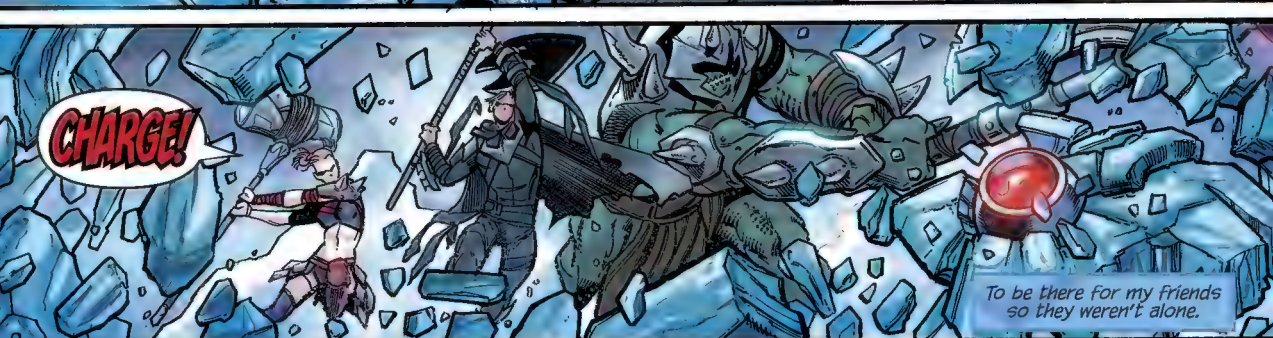
GIMME A SECOND
LONGER WITH THE VIEW,
WOULD YA?



HARLEY!

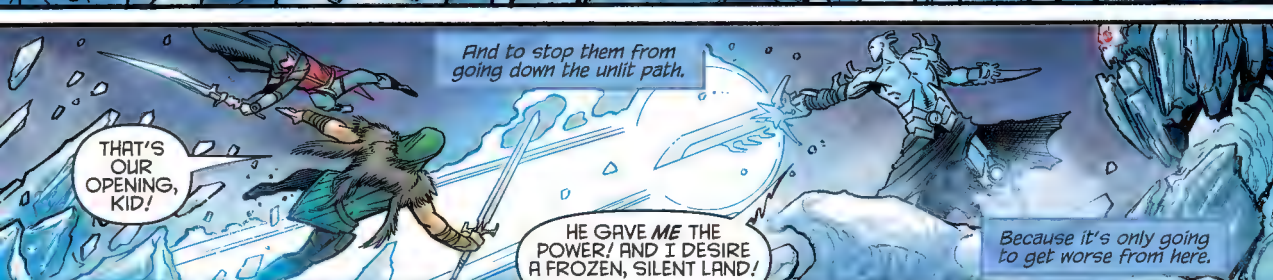
To save the city I once called
home from darkness.

OKAAAY. FINE.



CHARGE!

To be there for my friends
so they weren't alone.



And to stop them from
going down the unit path.

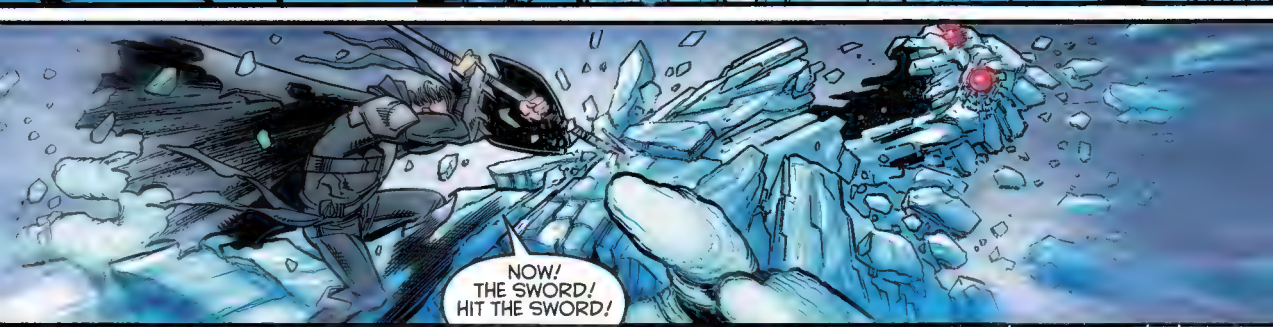
THAT'S
OUR
OPENING,
KID!

HE GAVE ME THE
POWER! AND I DESIRE
A FROZEN, SILENT LAND!

Because it's only going
to get worse from here.



MAN, GOTHAM
DOES DO WEIRDOS
BETTER THAN
ANYBODY.



NOW!
THE SWORD!
HIT THE SWORD!



ROBIN!
NOW!



I KNOW THE PLAN!
DON'T BOSS ME
AROUND!

*In the armory, I told
Damian I had faith
we'd find Batman like
we always do.*



I lied.

I AM ROBIN!
I AM THE HEIR
TO THE BAT!



YEAH. AND YOU'RE A
MENACE.

THOUGH...
I SUPPOSE THAT
COMES IN HANDY
SOMETIMES!

KASH

*The truth is, I'm having
visions again. OF failure.
OF unlit paths.*



RAAAH!

ROBIN!
STOP! STOP!
IT'S OVER!

IT'S
OVER.

*But they're not
visions of me.*



ANOTHER
CARD...

*And they're not
of some other,
distant world.*



WHAT
THE--?!



WE'RE PLAYING SOMEONE'S GAME, RUNNING THEIR MAZE, AND THEY'VE GOT THE ADVANTAGE THAT THEY CAN SEE IT FROM ABOVE.

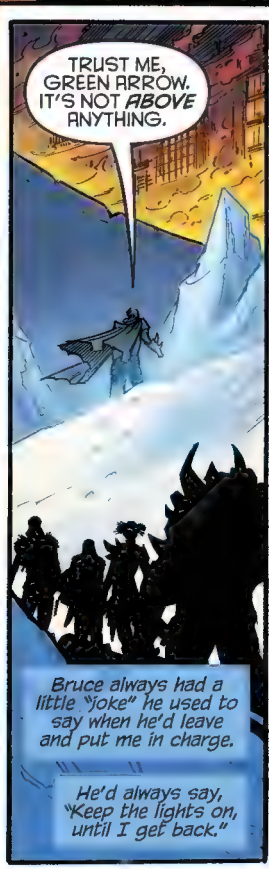
NIGHTWING? YOU OKAY?

Like a drumbeat in my head, one name keeps repeating... **BARBATOS**.

Visions... the darkness...

... calling...

For the truth of Dick's visions, see **METAL #2**-Tay



TRUST ME, GREEN ARROW. IT'S NOT **ABOVE** ANYTHING.

Bruce always had a little "joke" he used to say when he'd leave and put me in charge.

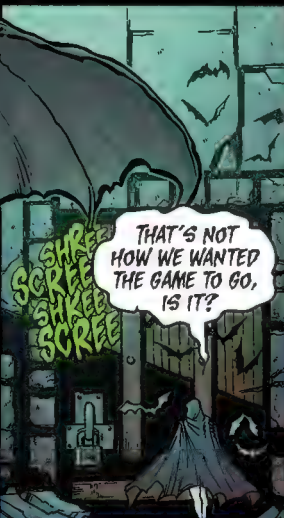
He'd always say, "Keep the lights on, until I get back."

ELSEWHERE...

SCREE

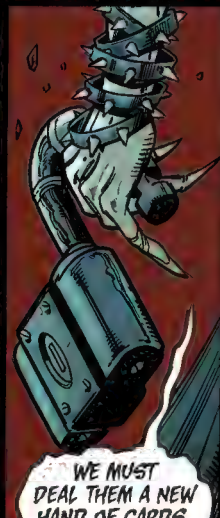
SPEAK, MY LITTLE BIRD. WHAT DOES YOUR BROTHER SEE?

This time... he left that last part off.



I'm going to try and keep the lights on.

THAT'S NOT HOW WE WANTED THE GAME TO GO, IS IT?



WE MUST DEAL THEM A NEW HAND OF CARDS.

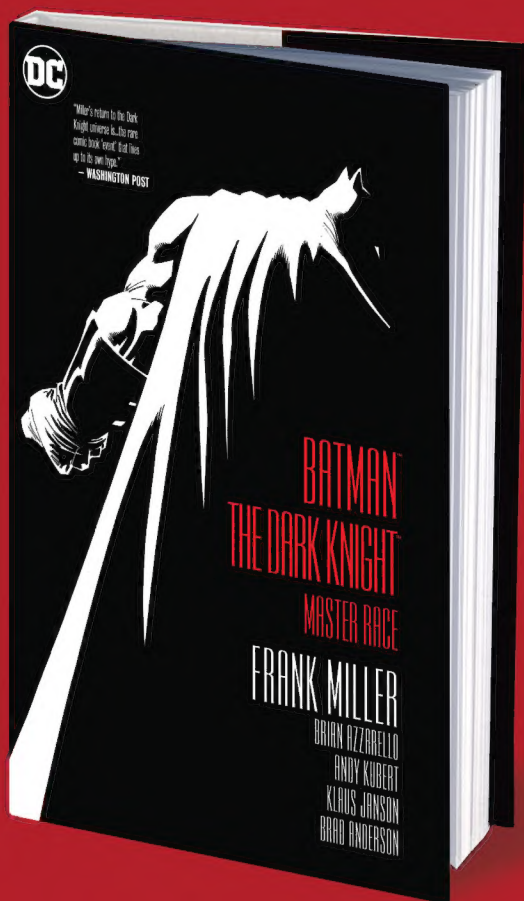
But the path forward is long and hard and uncertain...

...and the
light is
dwindling.

ONE
PACKED WITH
JOKERS.

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**POISONIVY'S
JUNGLE!**



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HARLEY QUINN



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Are you excited for Batman Day this weekend? In celebration of Harley Quinn's 25th Anniversary, the Clown Princess of Crime will take over DC's annual celebration of the Dark Knight on September 23, 2017.

It's hard to believe that it has been 25 years since Harley Quinn burst into our lives when she debuted on the *Batman: The Animated Series* episode "Joker's Favor," which originally aired in September 1992. Co-created by the Emmy Award-winning producers Paul Dini (*Batman: The Animated Series*, *DARK NIGHT: A TRUE BATMAN STORY*) and Bruce Timm (*Batman: The Animated Series*, *Batman Beyond*) Harley Quinn's popularity has exploded and she is now one of DC's biggest characters. Harley stars in her own best-selling comic book series, acclaimed graphic novels and has inspired amazing toys and collectibles based on her many looks from over two decades. She was the breakout character in the *Suicide Squad* movie and the *Batman: Arkham* series of video games. If that wasn't enough to show you how much fans love her, she was the most popular Halloween costume of 2016.

Celebrate 25 years of Harley Quinn at your favorite local comics shop. Look for three different free comic books:

BATMAN DAY SPECIAL EDITION—the first chapter of the *BATMAN VOL. 3: I AM BANE* written by Tom King and illustrated by David Finch, plus an original 3-page story by Amanda Conner, Jimmy Palmiotti and Bret Blevins.

HARLEY QUINN BATMAN DAY SPECIAL EDITION—the first chapter of the *JOKER LOVES HARLEY* graphic novel by Conner, Palmiotti and John Timms.

DC SUPER HERO GIRLS BATMAN DAY SPECIAL EDITION—the first chapter of the *DCSHG: OUT OF THE BOTTLE* graphic novel written by Shea Fontana with art by Marcelo DiChiara and Agnes Garbowska.

Participating stores will also have three different Batman masks illustrated by Ryan Sook in the style of DC Master Class artists, Jim Lee, Andy Kubert and John Romita Jr. and a DCSHG-style Harley Quinn mask by Yancey Labat.

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